



❖ **Qualifications:**

1. Contestant must be an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Must submit tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood.
2. Contestant must be 17-25 years of age.
3. Contestant must be knowledgeable of Tohono O'odham Nation language, culture, history, values, traditions and issues regarding our government.
4. Contestant must have a High School Diploma or GED, or must be attending high school or a G.E.D. program. Must have a G.P.A. of a 2.0 or above, copy of most recent transcript if attending high school or verification of G.E.D. program attendance must be attached.
5. Participant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from any of the following: clergy, academic counselor, teacher, community leaders, or other professionals. Letters will not be accepted from family members or members of the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant Committee.
6. Must be a positive role model.
7. Must be willing and able to communicate with the public and participate in traditional and non-traditional activities

September 21, 2012

Dear Prospective Contestant:

Congratulations on your decision to vie for the prestigious title of Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2013-2014. We are excited for the upcoming pageant and glad you will be joining us. The pre-pageant activities and pageant is going to be memorable and will be a wonderful learning and fun experience for you. Pre-Pageant week is mandatory for all contestants; you must arrive on January 22, 2013 at the Himdag Ki: at 11:00am, you are also required to arrive in a ribbon dress, as ribbon dresses is the attire all week. If you are unable to join us at the beginning of pre-pageant week inform the committee, at your earliest convenience. The committee will then decide if your absence is acceptable. Pageant applications are due on January 8, 2013 at the Executive Office in care of Dwayne Lopez. No later than 2:00pm. Your application must be complete, if it is not, it will not be accepted.

Attached is the official application for the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation title and information regarding the eligibility requirements and necessary documentation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone of the committee members. If you should need assistance or are not sure of information requested please let us know so we can clarify.

We look forward to meeting and working with you during the pageant activities. Again, thank you for your interest in the prestigious title of Miss Tohono O'odham Nation.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwayne Lopez". The script is cursive and elegant, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Dwayne Lopez,
MTONC Chairman

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Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2013-2014 Entry Form

I hereby enter the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant and submit the following information for review and Committee use only.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__

Village: _____ District: _____

Current Place of Residence: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Social Security #: ____ - ____ - ____ Tribal Enrollment #: _____

Home Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Message Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

II. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____ Message Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Guardian's Name: _____ Cell Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

III. EDUCATION BACKGROUND

High School: _____ Current Grade: _____ Year Graduated: _____

College/Other Educational Institute: _____

Current Grade: _____ Year Graduated: _____ Degree: _____

IV. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Employer: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Job Title: _____ Employed from: _____ to _____

Rules:

- As a contestant of The Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Pageant, contestants will participate and be judged in the following: essay writing contest, interview session, modern talent competition, formal dress modeling, traditional talent competition, modeling of traditional attire, and impromptu question. Miss Congeniality will be chosen by the contestants.
- Contestants will present a traditional and modern talent presentation no longer than 5 minutes in length.
- Descriptions of formal dress and traditional attire must be complete and accurate at the time of the application submittal. No changes will be accepted after the application has been accepted by the Pageant Committee.
- Contestant must arrive for all schedule activities on time and be prepared, unless prior approval for late arrival is received from the Pageant Committee.
- Contestants must be respectful of themselves and other contestants.
- During the pageant no other individuals will be allowed on the stage, only participants assisting in your talent, or in dressing rooms other than assigned committee members, and one female assisting you.
- Contestants are responsible for their personal belongings at all times during program events. The Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Committee is not responsible for loss of articles, theft or injury.

V. GOALS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

List two of your personal goals:_____

List any special recognition or awards you have received in or out of school:_____

List additional information about yourself, special interests, hobbies, volunteer work, etc:_____

VI. ATTACHMENT

Attach required essay on why you are interested in competing in this pageant and what you plan to accomplish as "Miss Tohono O'odham Nation". The essay must be no less than 200 and no more than 500 words. Please present essay in double spaced, 12 font size with your name on the top right hand corner.

Two 4x6 inch pictures will be needed in traditional attire. One head shot and one full body pose.

**Miss Tohono O'odham Nation
Parental/Guardian Acknowledgment Form**

We/I do hereby acknowledge and understand the eligibility requirements and certify the information on the application is true and correct. By my signature, or that of my Legal Guardian, I hereby declare that the information provided by me in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. We/I understand that any false information will cause a disqualification from the pageant and forfeiture of any titles/awards received.

Signature of Applicant

Date

If under 18 years of age, please complete the following:

I hereby certify that _____ has my permission to participate in the 2013-2014 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Description of Talent/Attire

You are required to perform 2 talents each not to exceed 5 minutes. One talent will be traditional and the other a modern talent (i.e. dance, skit, storytelling etc). You are allowed to use pre-recorded music as a background to your presentation; you must provide a CD clearly marked with your name for rehearsal and program use. Please note the information you provide that describes your traditional and formal attire, will be read on stage on pageant day as you are modeling your attire.

Description of Traditional Talent: _____

Description of Traditional Attire: _____

Description of Modern Talent: _____

Description of Formal Attire: _____

Miss Tohono O'odham Nation
Titleholder's CODE OF CONDUCT

I, _____, in accepting the position of Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and or Attendant 2013-2014 do understand the duties and responsibilities of this position. These duties and responsibilities include, but is not limited to attending all Committee approved scheduled appointments and appearances as an ambassador for the Tohono O'odham Nation.

I accept the following code to govern my conduct during my reign as Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and or Attendant.

1. I will conduct myself at all times in a manner that will not jeopardize the reputation of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the title of Miss Tohono O'odham Nation.
2. I will attend all meetings scheduled by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee as directed by the Committee and provide verbal appearance reports at these meetings
3. If I am a student, I will report my grades to the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee within two weeks of the end of each grading period. I will maintain at least a "C" grade in each of my classes. If I receive an "F" grade in any one of my classes, I will be placed on suspension from all appearances for an amount of time to be determined by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee.
4. If I am a student I will comply with all school rules. If I should violate any of those rules, I will report it to the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Chairperson or other Committee officer within 48 hours of its occurrence
5. If I am employed, I will abide by all Personnel Policies applicable to my employment. Should I violate any of the Personnel Policies I will inform the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee Chairperson or other Committee officer within 48 hours of the occurrence of the violation.
6. I will not consume or have possession of any alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and/or inhalants.
7. Attendance at any places of entertainment such as dances, concerts, etc., must be approved by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee.
8. I will not attend any functions wearing my sash or crown or allow my name, photograph, or recordings of my voice to be used for any commercial purpose without the permission of the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee.
9. I will respect and cooperate with the chaperone assigned to me by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee. I will stay within sight and voice distance of my chaperone at all times.
10. I will dress in traditional attire during all official engagements; this is in effect from the time I am picked up for official engagement to the time I return home.
11. Exceptions for travel attire may be made by the designated Chaperone depending on the distance of travel.

12. Sashes worn during my reign shall not be altered in any way such as markings or memorabilia that may affect the appearance of my attire. Items may be worn on the Sash only with the approval of the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee.
13. I will respect the traditions of the Tohono O'odham Nation and all other cultures.
14. I will respect all people I come in contact with.
15. I will, during my reign, assist in recruiting contestants for the next Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.
16. I will not engage in a relationship (i.e. boyfriend or girlfriend) or cohabitate intimately with any significant other.
17. I have never been pregnant nor will I become pregnant during my reign.
18. I am not currently nor will I become an adoptive parent to a child/children.
19. I will not have any facial or body piercing's, No visible tattoo's Nor will I dye my hair other than its' natural color.
20. I will practice good hygiene and grooming during my reign.
21. I will not engage in any criminal activity during my reign.
22. I will continue to abide by the qualification requirements to enter into the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.

Duties:

1. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation is the highest pageant held locally on Tohono O'odham Nation. With that said Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants is to conduct herself in a positive manner without disrespect to herself and the Tohono O'odham Nation.
2. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants will be an ambassador for the Tohono O'odham Nation and will travel to various special events as approved by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant Committee.
3. While on travel Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants will be required to share the Tohono O'odham language, culture, and traditions.
4. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants must interact with all individuals she encounters in a polite, courteous, and respectful manner at all times, even when she is not wearing the crown and sash of Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendant.
5. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation will set a goal that can be reasonably achieved during her reign in the area of community involvement.

6. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants will take an active role in recruiting future participants for Miss Tohono O'odham Nation pageant.
7. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation is responsible for the care and safe keeping of the crown and sash during her reign and is financially responsible in the event of loss or damage to the crown and/or sash.

Regulations:

1. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants will serve for one year.
2. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants will travel as designated by the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee, Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants at all times will travel with a chaperone approved by the committee.
3. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants must not be seen in bars, clubs, or other liquor establishments during her reign.
4. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants must be alcohol and drug free (tobacco use is also prohibited).
5. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and Attendants must not be incarcerated or charged with or convicted of a crime, regardless of the disposition (excluding minor traffic violations) during her reign.

I understand that any violation of the above may result in the removal of the title of Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and or Attendant. In the event of a violation, I understand that I will be notified of the alleged violations. Within ten (10) days of receiving notice I can request a hearing before the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee or I can resign. The Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee will make the **final** decision of my standing as Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and/or Attendant. All decisions made by the MTON Committee are final.

If I choose to resign or I am removed from the title of Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and or Attendant, I will return the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation woven crown, trophies, sashes and any other awards received as a title holder within two weeks (14 days) after resignation or notification of removal from my title. This includes forfeiture of the cash award provided at the completion of my reign.

I have read and understand the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Titleholder's Code of Conduct. I hereby accept this code to govern my conduct during my reign as Miss Tohono O'odham Nation and or Attendant.

Acknowledged by:

Miss Tohono O'odham Nation/Attendant

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Committee Member Witness

Date

Committee Member Witness

Date

Male Escort Attire:

You are welcome to choose your own male escort, whomever you wish to share this joyous event with you; however we ask that he follow our guide lines with his attire.

The Miss Tohono O'odham Nation pageant is held in high standings, therefore we the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee request that your escort dress in appropriate attire, at all times during the pageant, and until the pageant is over.

Attire that is appropriate:

- Traditional clothing
- Tuxedo
- Dress shirt, slacks
- Western clothing

Attire that **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED:**

- Any clothing that displays gang related materials, and gang colors
- Hip hop attire (sagging pants, jerseys, and baseball caps)
- Clothing that is too reveling and displays sexual content

If you have any question regarding proper attire, feel free to contact a Miss Tohono O'odham committee member.

Escort Information

Name _____

Age_____

Relationship _____

Community _____

District_____

Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee

Chairman: Dwayne Lopez- 520-349-0240

Vice-Chairwoman: Lucy Zazueta- 520-705-1392

Treasurer/Secretary: Arlene Wood- 520-349-6654

Check List

Application must be complete; if your application is not complete it will not be accepted!

- **Required Pictures**
- Two 4x6 inch pictures will be needed in traditional wear. Headshot, full body shot.
- **Copy of Tohono O'odham Nation Enrollment Card**
- **Escort Information**
- **All Required Signatures** Parental/Guardian Acknowledgment Form Code of Conduct
- **Essay**

Attach required essay on why you are interested in competing in this pageant and what you plan to accomplish as "Miss Tohono O'odham Nation". The essay must be no less than 200 and no more than 500 words. Please present essay in double spaced, 12 font size with your name on the top right hand corner.

- **Copy of most recent transcript** If attending high school or verification of G.E.D. program attendance must be attached.
- **Two (2) letters of recommendation**